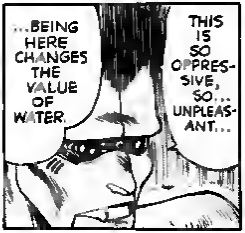
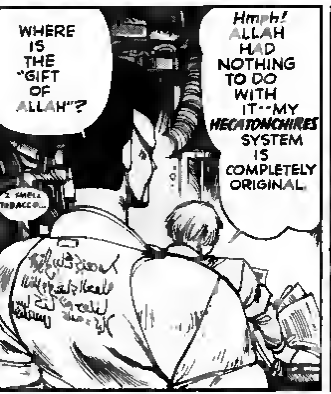
KSSHHH

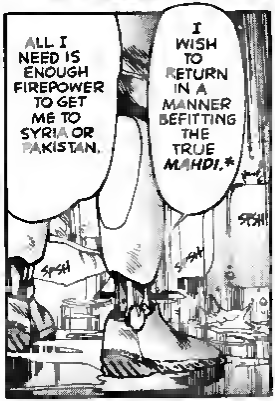
DOCTOR SLADE...


...BEING HERE CHANGES THE VALUE OF WATER.
THIS IS SO OPPRESSIVE, SO... UNPLEASANT...

Hmph. ARAB BUMPKIN!
ROCK

BEEP BEEP BEEP


WHERE IS THE "GIFT OF ALLAH"?
Hmph! ALLAH HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT--MY HECATONCHIRES SYSTEM IS COMPLETELY ORIGINAL.
I SMELL TOBACCO...


ALL I NEED IS ENOUGH FIREPOWER TO GET ME TO SYRIA OR PAKISTAN.
I WISH TO RETURN IN A MANNER BEFITTING THE TRUE MAHDI,*
SPSH!
SPSH!
SPSH!

*LITERALLY, "HE WHO IS GUIDED"--THE MUSLIM SAVIOR. THE TITLE OF AN EXPECTED SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL RULER DESTINED TO ESTABLISH A REIGN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

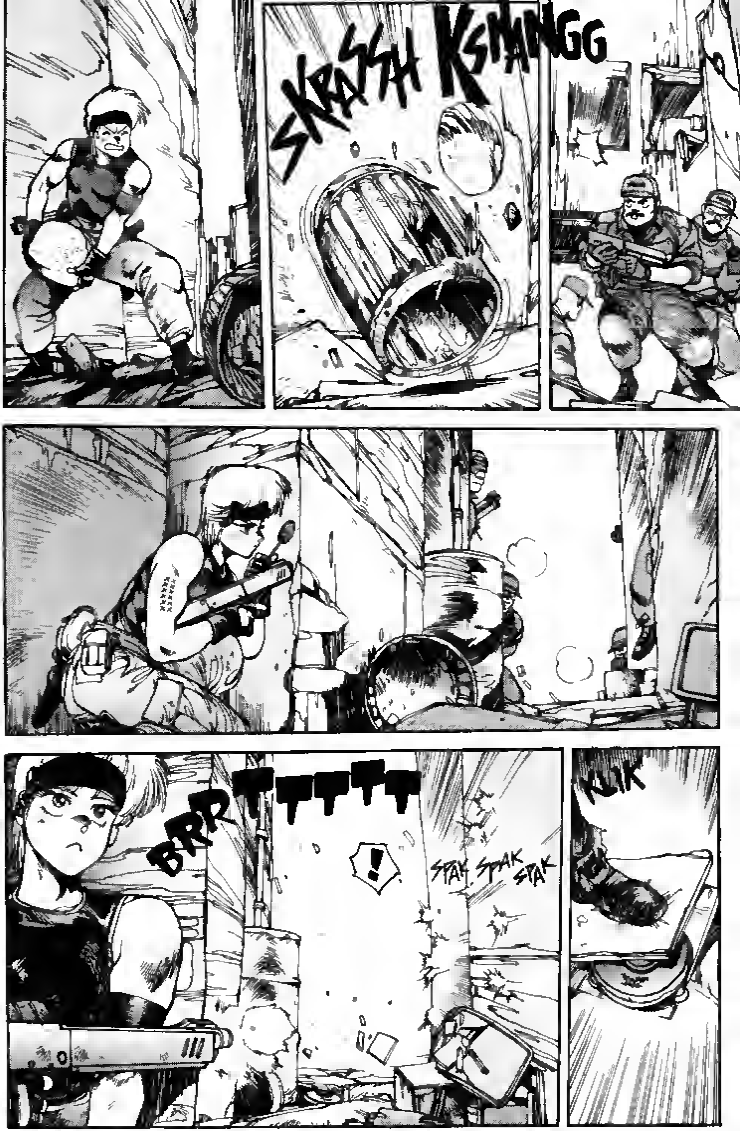
THAT'S NONE OF MY AFFAIR.
ALL THAT MATTERS IS WEIGHT. IF ONLY THERE WAS SOME WAY TO MACHINE THE NEW HERMES METAL. . THERE ARE SOME SIMILARITIES TO CARBON-FIBER MATERIALS..
THE HEIGHT WORKS OUT TO SIX METERS, TWENTY CENTI-METERS..
CALCULATE THE HORSEPOWER NEEDED FOR THE ARMOR IT HAS TO CARRY, AND THAT'S THE SIZE YOU COME UP WITH. I WANTED TO REPLACE THE EXOSKELETON WITH SYNTHETICS BUT. .
FIRST THE SURGERY. RECONSTRUCTION CAN PROCEED PARALLEL WITH MY REHABILI-TATION.
I SHALL DESTROY THE GREAT SATANS* AND THOSE FOOLS ON THE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE AND THE PEOPLE'S FRONT. THERE IS NOT A MOMENT TO LOSE . ALREADY I HEAR THE VOICES OF THE ISLAMIC JIHAD CALLING OUT TO ME.
ALL I HEAR ARE PATROL CAR SIRENS. WE'VE GOT TO HURRY--THE NEXT TIME THE COPS COME AROUND, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE THIS.
SOMEONE'S BOUND TO TRACE ALL THOSE PARTS ORDERS. THEY'RE TOO SPECIAL-IZED...

*THE UNITED STATES, THE SOVIET UNION, FRANCE, ISRAEL, IRAQ, ETC. THE OTHER TWO ORGANIZATIONS ARE DISSIDENT GROUPS BASED IN FRANCE THAT OPPOSE THE IRANIAN REPUBLIC.

JUST WAIT UNTIL MATTHEWS SEES THIS ONE!
HEH, HEH, HEH

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE?! DO IT OVER AGAIN!
BLAM B'BLAM
BRTTTT
OOF!
SO LAST NIGHT ME AND HER SPENT THE WHOLE TIME
SEND KEITH, STERNBACH, KONOFF, KALUTA, RAOUL, AND BARAKHORNE BACK TO THEIR OLD UNITS
PREISS, DON'T MOVE YOUR GUN SO MUCH WHEN YOU RUN!
HUBBA HUBBA
THAT'S THE WAY, KNUTE-- GOOD SHOW
PSWAT
PEAR MEAT
PREISS, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?!
CALL ME SNAKE

!!
WHISS!
HEY, WHAT'S YOUR PROB, MAN?! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE RIGHT BEHIND ME!
KLIK
BAM
....
BLOWN TO RATSHIT
AVIATION JP-4


SKRASSH KSHANGG
BRRTTTTT
STAK STAK STAK
KLIK

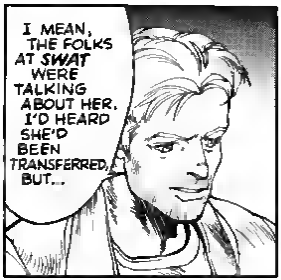
BAM
BAM
EYAH!
WHA?!
?!?
GREEN, AREN'T YOU?
Hee Hee
I'M A BAD, BAD GIRL!
CHRIST... SHE STARTS OUT WITH FOUR KNIVES, AND TAKES OUT ALL SIXTEEN OF THOSE GUYS.
THAT NEW ROOKIE THEY'RE ALL TALKING ABOUT, RIGHT? YOU SEE THAT GRIN ON HER FACE? SHE'S A SADIST, I TELL YOU.
YOU HAVE A TOUGH JOB TOO.
Te ensena muchos cosas
YOUR PATTERNS ARE TOO DAMN SIMPLE! THAT'S HOW SHE READS YOU!
AND TOMMIES OVER, AS AND MARIA WE'RE GONNA
THAT'S ALL YOU EVER TALK ABOUT!
I'M TIRED OF ALWAYS BEING THE BAD GUY
ENJOY YOUR-SELF

YOU ANGRY...?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
THOSE SIGNS. YOU SHOULDN'T DO THINGS LIKE THAT TO PEOPLE WHO MIGHT HAVE TO SAVE YOUR LIFE SOMEDAY.
ACT LIKE A SMARTASS, AND THEY WON'T TAKE CARE OF YOU
ACCORDING TO AN *FBI* REPORT, THAT TRANSMITTER CHIP WENT FLYING OFF IN SOME AIR FREIGHT BOUND FOR THAILAND
THE *FBI* WILL LOOK AFTER THINGS HERE DURING *BENANDANTI*. I UNDERSTAND THEY'LL HAVE A GUY COVERING YOU DURING THE OPERATION, TOO.
CORINTH, DEAR, THEY'RE GOING TO DO ANOTHER RUN-THROUGH IN TWENTY MINUTES, THIS TIME WITH THE BENANDANTI TEAM. HAVE YOU GOT ALL THE SIGNALS DOWN?
Sure
I'M SORRY! I PROMISE I WON'T DO IT AGAIN!
DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD APOLOGIZING TO *ME*...!

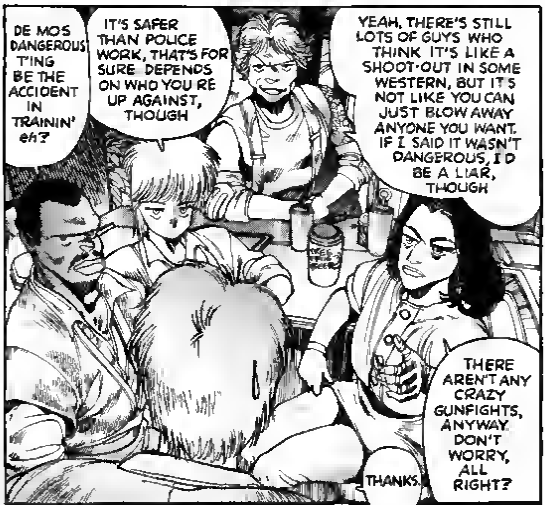
HEY, I NO BE SWEATIN' THAT ONE, eh? THE POINTMAN, SHE GOT BE GOOD ENOUGH WE ALL C'N TRUS' HER, eh!
WATER TASTES LIKE HAF.
RIGHT ON... I DON'T LIKE HIM STICKIN' HIS TWO CENTS IN ALL THE TIME LIKE THAT.
IT JUST SHOWS HOW MUCH HE WORRIES ABOUT YOU, OKAY? HE'S TRYING TO GET YOU PUMPED, YOU KNOW, REALLY GET INTO IT...
IT BE YOU TWO PROBLEM, ANYWAY, MON. (DAMN 'MERICANS.)
PUT A CORK IN IT, WILL YA?! WE'RE ALL PART OF THE SAME TEAM, YA KNOW!
AND PROBLEMS FOR ONE OF US ARE PROBLEMS FOR ALL OF US, RIGHT? RIGHT? AM I RIGHT OR WHAT?
ONE WEAK LINK IN THE CHAIN, HEY?
YEAH, BUT THAT CYBORG, MON... WE NO C'N SEE IT, Y'KNOW, BUT HE SAY YOU BEEN ACTIN' MORE RUTHLESS 'N USUAL. HE REALLY WORRIED, MON.
IT'S TRUE... WE'RE NOT CYBORGS, YOU KNOW. YOU'VE GOT TO CUT US A BIT MORE SLACK, OKAY?
SURE...
HI THERE...
YOU GUYS ON THE SAME TEAM AS DORIC?
?

WE KNOW DORIC, BUT WE CAN'T REALLY ANSWER THAT QUESTION
WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?
I'M HER HUSBAND
SHE BE SOMEWHERE IN DE TRAININ' AREA, BUT IT BE A BIG PLACE, MON. YOU NO C'N SEARCH IT ALL
DE PLANCK CONSTANT WORK AT DE MACRO LEVEL, TOO, eh?

YOU CAN'T GET INTO THE GROUNDS WITHOUT A PASS, ANYHOW. I'LL GO CALL HER FOR YOU.
NO, NO, WAIT! I DON'T WANT HER TO KNOW I WAS--


I MEAN, THE FOLKS AT SWAT WERE TALKING ABOUT HER. I'D HEARD SHE'D BEEN TRANSFERRED, BUT...

SORRY... WE REALLY CAN'T TELL YOU ANY-THING.
IS IT DANGER-OUS WORK?


DE MOS DANGEROUS T'ING BE THE ACCIDENT IN TRAININ' eh?
IT'S SAFER THAN POLICE WORK, THAT'S FOR SURE. DEPENDS ON WHO YOU RE UP AGAINST, THOUGH
YEAH, THERE'S STILL LOTS OF GUYS WHO THINK IT'S LIKE A SHOOT-OUT IN SOME WESTERN, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN JUST BLOW AWAY ANYONE YOU WANT. IF I SAID IT WASN'T DANGEROUS, I'D BE A LIAR, THOUGH
THERE AREN'T ANY CRAZY GUNFIGHTS, ANYWAY. DON'T WORRY, ALL RIGHT?
THANKS.

HEY, HERE COMES THE TOP ONE-MAN TEAM IN BENANDANTI!
!
BRIAREOS?
I APOLOGIZED TO EVERYONE.
GOOD
CHAK
SO...
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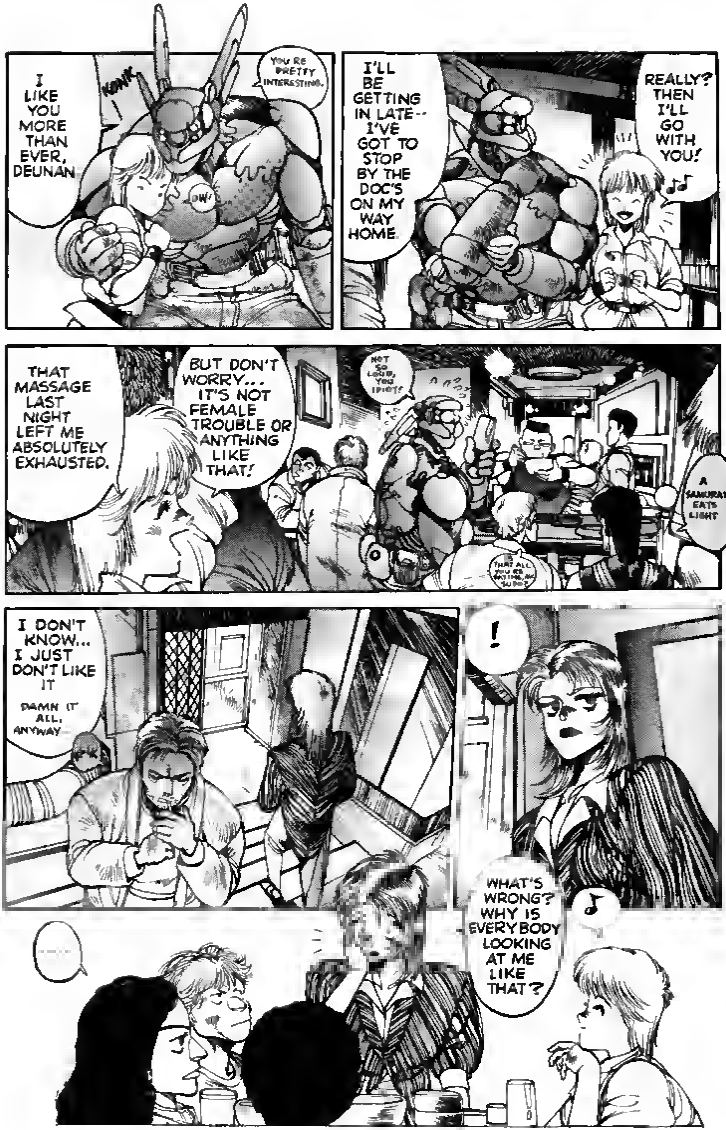
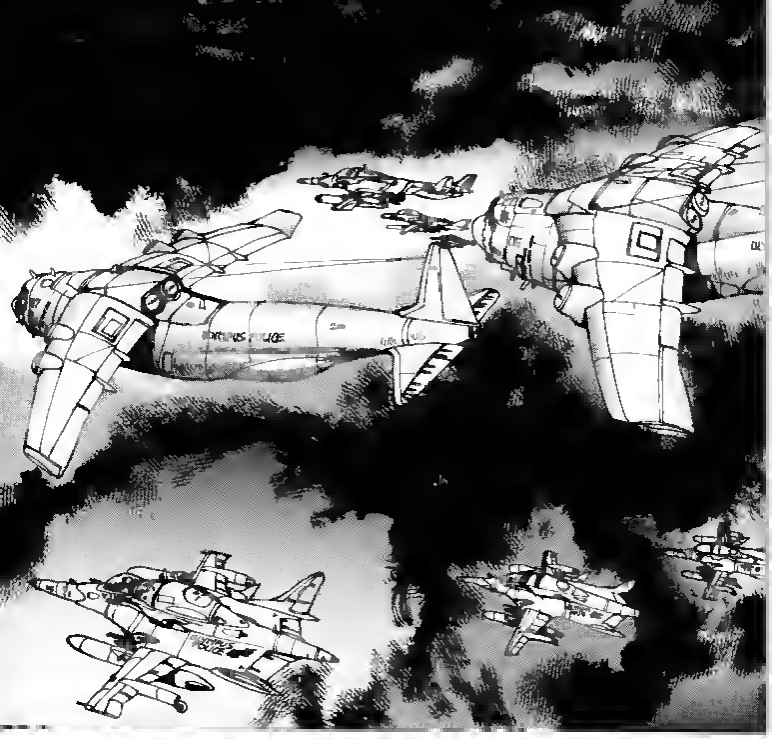
CHAK
SO...?
SO DON'T HATE ME ANYMORE OKAY?
SHIC
*SCUSE ME.


I LIKE YOU MORE THAN EVER, DEUNAN
KONK
YOU'RE PRETTY INTERESTING.
OW!
I'LL BE GETTING IN LATE-- I'VE GOT TO STOP BY THE DOC'S ON MY WAY HOME.
REALLY? THEN I'LL GO WITH YOU!
THAT MASSAGE LAST NIGHT LEFT ME ABSOLUTELY EXHAUSTED.
BUT DON'T WORRY... IT'S NOT FEMALE TROUBLE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
NOT SO LOUD, YOU IDIOT!
A SAMURAI EATS LIGHT
I DON'T KNOW... I JUST DON'T LIKE IT
DAMN IT ALL, ANYWAY
!
WHAT'S WRONG? WHY IS EVERYBODY LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?



OLYMPUS POLICE

SIXTY MINUTES TO TOUCH-DOWN.
GOOD ENOUGH.
ALL RIGHT-GET YOUR SUITS ON!
I THINK MAYBE IT'S

DORIC? YOU HAVE ANY CHILDREN?
MY STERI-PLANT LASTS ANOTHER YEAR AND A HALF
I SEE
YOU'RE STILL SO YOUNG...
Hmm...
HOW CAN YOU THINK OF THINGS LIKE THAT BEFORE AN OP?
KLIK
POLICE
POLICE
POLICE

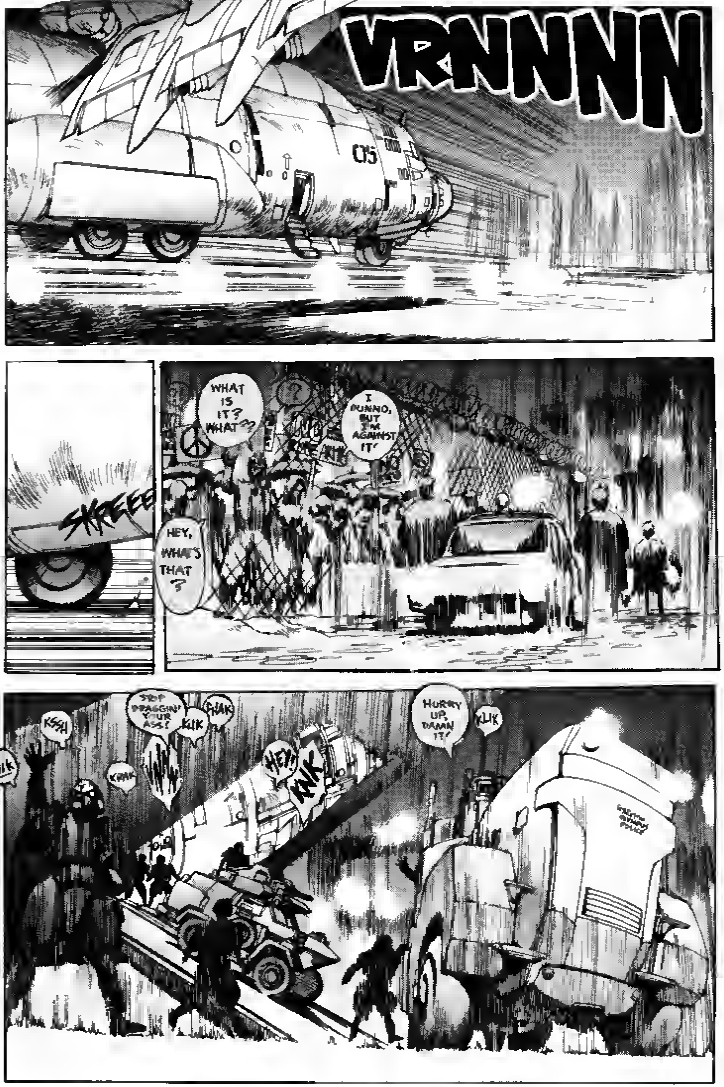
Hmm
READY? OPEN THE CIRCUIT!
ALL HANDS! EYES ON THE MONITORS!
BEEP
WE'VE OBTAINED A PHOTO AND A ROUGH FLOORPLAN OF THE TARGET.
I'LL GO OVER THE DEPLOYMENT PLANS IN THIRTY MINUTES.
I'M A LITTLE WORRIED THAT WE WEREN'T ABLE TO HAVE A PROPER RUN-THROUGH, BUT I TRUST YOU GUYS.
HEE-OOO, MON... IT BE JUS' LIKE BEVERLY HILLS OR TH' RIVERIA!
Ah, SAME OLD SHIT. GONNA NEED THAT TREBARK CAMO, THOUGH.
I'VE GOT A PAL IN THE FRENCH EXTERNAL SECURITY BUREAU.
I HEAR THEIR RESCUE UNIT, THE GIGN, IS PRETTY HOT. LOTS OF GOOD MEN, AND THEY'RE LIGHT ON THE TRIGGER FINGER, TOO.
INTEL SAYS THE AREA'S GONNA BE SOCKED IN FOR HOURS.
GOOD, GOOD... LOOKIN' GOOD.
FRANCE IS A GREAT PLACE. THE PROBLEM IS THE BUNCH OF CROOKS WHO'RE RUNNING IT THESE DAYS

HEY
VRRNNNNNNN
WHAT A FACE!
NEST PAS?
WHY NOT?
SO THIS UNDERGROUND ORGANIZATION GOT TOO MEAN FOR ITS OWN GOOD, HAD TO DISBAND AFTER THE INFIGHTING BETWEEN TERRORIST GROUPS BACK IN '86. YOU KNOW, THE FRENCH UNDERGROUND WARS. ANYWAY, YOU CAN THANK THEM FOR THIS OR
DEUNAN KNUTE
IT'S PRETTY STUPID, REALLY...
SAYING YOU CAN'T DISCUSS RIGHT OR WRONG UNTIL YOU'VE ESTABLISHED YOUR MILITARY SUPERIORITY AND IT'S EVEN STUPIDER FORCING YOUR OWN MORALITY ON OTHER PEOPLE
CHAK
NO KIDDING?
CHAK

ISN'T THAT WHAT BENANDANTI IS ALL ABOUT?
SO WHY GET INVOLVED IN THIS OP AT ALL, DEUNAN?
PLEASE DON'T PICK ON THIS POOR LITTLE LAMB, DORIC.
SHE'S ONLY DRESSED IN WOLF'S CLOTHING!
OH, YEAH? WHICH FAIRY TALE IS THAT? THE ONE WHERE THE LAMB HAD TO BECOME A TIGER TO FIGHT THE WOLVES?
WHSSH
WHSSH
MY TENSION ADJUSTMENTS ARE RIGHT ON!
MINE AREN'T MAKING ANY NOISE. ARE THEY?
OOPS, SORRY
HEY!
SKRK
KRIK
ALL RIGHT! LET'S KICK SOME ASS!!
OH, MAMMY WERE A DRUG LORD'S WHORE, HE SHOT HER UP THE SHE WERE SHOT
KRAK
DEUNAN!
THINK THEY'LL SEND MIRAGES AFTER US?
NO MORE KEITS OR MIGS ANYMORE

WHAT'S UP?
AZZAH! A BREAT
THAT HERO
YES
Ah... HELLO!
I CONSIDERED LEAVING YOU IN THE PLANE AND HAVING A-10 TAKE YOUR PLACE. BUT THE TEAM HAS A RHYTHM OF IT'S OWN. IT BREATHES. YOU CAN'T TREAT IT LIKE A MACHINE.
"A-10" ...?
FANG BLACKBONE BERYL A-10 F. THAT'S HIS NAME.
BUT EVEN IF THEY DID FIND OUT ABOUT THE TRANSMITTER, I CAN'T SEE HOW THERE'D BE ANY UNUSUAL DANGER TO ME...
THINGS WON'T BE BACK TO NORMAL UNTIL THEY'VE CONFIRMED WHETHER OR NOT THE SPY ALTERED THE CHIP THAT WE RECOVERED. CAUTION, CAUTION.
THEY DON'T TRUST YOU!
AN FBI BACK UP? I'M NOT SO SURE I LIKE THAT..
YOUR DATA IS IN ERROR. I'M NOT FBI.

FANG, LOOK AFTER DEUNAN. DEUNAN, BE NICE TO FANG.
HE SAVED YOUR BUTT, REMEMBER?
OH, YEAH? HOW NICE SHOULD I BE? REEAL NICE, MAYBE?
OH, FANG, --huh?
TALK ABOUT RUDE! HE JUST WALKED OFF! I'LL BET HE'S GAY!
MAYBE HE'S JUST GOT GOOD TASTE. NO TIME TO CHASE AFTER HIM NOW, KNUTE.
THERE'S PARIS!
THAT LITTLE BUNCH OF LIGHTS?
OH, MAN, I'M MAN!
C'MON, GUY CALM DOWN!


VRNNNN
05
SKREEE
WHAT IS IT? WHAT?
I DUNNO, BUT I'M AGAINST IT!
HEY, WHAT'S THAT?
KSSH
SHK
KRAK
YOU PRAISING OUR ASS?
KLIK
CHAK
DUR
HEYA
KNK
HURRY UP, DAMN IT!
KLIK
PEACEFUL MINDED POLICE

GET YOUR REAR IN GEAR! RUN! RUN!
SSSS
VRMMM
SSS
SSS
SSS
RIGHT! THAT'S IT!
FASTER, FASTER!
READY TO MOVE OUT?
GOOP!
WE COULD HAVE SAVED A GOOD FORTY SECONDS WITH A RUN THROUGH...
AH, WHAT THE HELL...
MOVE OUT!!
POLICE

DAMN... THEY'VE GOT BARBED WIRE STRUNG THROUGH THE UNDER-GROWTH.
DON'T TOUCH IT--GO AROUND
SO OF COURSE THEY'VE GOT THE DETOUR BOOBY-TRAPPED.
ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES, huh? BRINGS BACK OLD MEMORIES, THAT'S FOR SURE. THE RAIN'S WASHED OFF THEIR COVER, heh, heh.
DON'T EVER HAVE TO STEP ON THESE BABIES. THEY JUMP OUT AND BLAST YOU
HOLD IT!
MORT AU TIRAN
SERGEANT, WAIT. DORIC, LINKUP.
KLAK
THERE'S A CYBORG IN THAT WHITE CAR.
?
HOW DO YOU KNOW? THERE'S NO EXHAUST, NO WINDOW FOGGING...
THAT'S HOW I CAN TELL IT'S A CYBORG, NOT A HUMAN. LOOK AT HOW FAR THE SUSPENSION'S BEEN COMPRESSED. ANYWAY, WE CAN'T GAS HIM.

NOTE: CYBORGS ARE ASSUMED TO HAVE RADIOS BUILT IN— HENCE, NO ATTEMPT AT TAKING HIM ALIVE ▲

NOTE: FOLLOWING THIS OP, ALL GREEN BERET CYBORGS WERE REQUIRED TO HAVE THEIR HEARTBEATS MONITORED. IN CONTRAST, THE ORC SUITS MONITOR ACOUSTIC SIGNATURES (A/S).

NOTE: AN A/S IS THE NOISE EMITTED BY A PHYSICAL EVENT. ORCS ARE EQUIPPED TO MONITOR THEIR COMRADES FOR THE SOUND OF BREAKING ARMOR.

OKAY.
DON'T PUT ANY PRESSURE ON THE DOORMAT!

HEY! SO FRANCE HAS PRETTY GOOD SEWERS, AFTER ALL!
YOU CALL THIS GOOD?! WE COULD SMELL THIS HOLE A MILE OFF!
YOU FIGURE THEIR HOUSE STINKS AS WELL? WHAT WITH THEIR LITTLE "ESCAPE CHUTE" AND THE STENCH OF CRIME...
I WONDER IF MY FILTER'S BUSTED -- I'M GETTIN' A REAL NOSEFUL.
WELL, NOW WE SIT AND WAIT.
CHRIST, WE GOT GARBAGE DUTY THIS TIME. I HATE THIS STINK... LIL' MICHELLE WON'T KISS ME ANY MORE!
NOT AGAIN...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU, ANYWAY...? SOME KINDA SATYR OR SOMETHING?
ONE MINUTE AND COUNTING
ALL CLEAR?
GREEN ACROSS THE BOARD. ALL TEAMS IN PLACE. FIFTY SECONDS AND COUNTING.

IF WE WERE DOING IT, MES AMIS, WE'D QUIET THEM DOWN WITH GAS, SMOKE THEM OUT, ANYTHING TO AVOID BLOODSHED! EVEN BEFORE WE WENT THAT FAR, WE'D USE BULLHORNS
THAT SORT OF THING DOESN'T WORK WHEN YOU'RE UP AGAINST COMBAT CYBORGS. IF YOU DON'T LIKE OUR TACTICS
. FILE A PROTEST WITH THE MINISTRY.
ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS GIVE OUR UNITS THE INFORMATION! THAT'S HOW INTERPOL WOULD HAVE DONE IT! YOU'RE TREATING THE FRENCH POLICE LIKE DIRT! YOU ARROGANT OLYMPUS TYPES ARE GETTING TO BE--
HLK..!
CONFLICT BETWEEN NATIONS IS USED AS AN EXCUSE TO LEGITIMIZE ANY CRIME. IT'S TIME TO PUT AN END TO BORDERS!
EXCUSE ME.
BEEP
ALL SQUADS, LINK INTO THE COMNET! THREE!
TWO!
ONE!
GO!
OH SORRY! I'M FILING A COMPLAINT WITH YOUR EMPLOYER I'M

FSST FSST
FSST FSST
FSST
FSST FSST
FSST FSST
GO!
??
FREEZE!
PHUT PHUT

MOVE AND YOU'RE A DEAD MAN!
!
!
C2, A6 CLEAR. ONE DEAD, FOUR DOWN

C?
HEY!
HEY!!
YEAH, WHAT?
KRAK
SNICH
AHEE!
JUST TAKE HIM OUT QUICK AND CLEAN! HE'S ONLY A HIRELING FOR--
ANYONE STUPID ENOUGH TO JOIN THIS BUNCH DESERVES TO BE POUNDED INTO FERTILIZER!! AT LEAST THAT WAY HE'D HELP FEED SOME REFUGEES!
IF HE ISN'T PUNISHING ANYWAY...
WHAT THE HELL'S WITH HER?! WEIRD LITTLE BRAT... MUST BE ON HER PERIOD.
CHECK OUT C4, THEN RUN BACKUP ON C12!
MY GUILT RUNS DEEPER THAN THE OCEAN
HEY! HEY!
C2, AS CLEAR... ONE DEAD...
BEEP
WHAT'S SHE BEING SO HIGH AND MIGHTY ABOUT? FRIGID BITCH!

ONE OF POSEIDON'S FOREIGN PROPAGANDISTS SAID IT BEST--"THE ONLY *LINGUA FRANCA* CAPABLE OF TRANSCENDING NATION, RACE, RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY IS *MONEY*."
I COULDN'T AGREE MORE, COLONEL YET THE LANGUAGE OF IMPERIAL AMERICANA IS RIGHTEOUSNESS.
SKAFF
I'M SURE Mr. PRESIDENT WILL BE DELIGHTED. RIGHT NOW, NEITHER WE IN ISRAEL NOR FRANCE HAVE THE LEEWAY TO HELP THE P.L.O...
BUT AREN'T YOU CONCERNED THAT THIS MIGHT BRING THE ISLAMIC FEDERATION INTO THE FIGHTING? YOU CAN'T START GIVING THIS MUCH SUPPORT TO THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT FORCES AND NOT EXPECT RETALIATION IN ANY CASE, I UNDERSTAND THE PARTICIPATION OF CENTRAL AMERICA HAS LEFT YOU AT A DISADVANTAGE VIS-A-VIS THE FEDERATED U.S.S.R. IS THIS REALLY WISE?
THE U.S.S.R. DOESN'T LIKE GOING INTO DEBT TO ARABS. AS THEY SAY, "TO GET TO THE MIDDLE EAST, GO TO FRANCE."
THE MINISTER LOST HIS UNCLE AT THE EMBASSY IN TRIPOLI WHEN WE BLOCKADED LIBYA. I'M CONFIDENT HE'LL COOPERATE.
WHEN CAN YOU SUPPLY THE TECHNICIANS TO WORK ON THE NEW FIGHTER?
IF YOU'RE IN A HURRY, WE CAN USE THE DIPLOMATIC ROUTE. WE'RE MOVING $700 MILLION THROUGH MIAMI ALONE--THAT'S MORE THAN OUR DEPARTMENT'S ENTIRE TAKE PERHAPS IF YOU TALK DIRECTLY WITH POSEIDON...
SKK
C6IM ABOUT TO ENTER THE TREASURE ROOM

REEZE!
!
!
HRNKK!
WHP
!
BAM

TFT
The Furry Triangles
We Love Beavers